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## LESSON 6

### JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING SYSTEM (JSPS)

#### Introduction

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<b>Purpose</b>	This lesson explains the Joint Strategic Planning System (JSPS).
<b>Why Study the Joint Strategic Planning System?</b>	Marine officers must understand the planning process for the employment of military forces in joint operations to plan for and employ Marine forces effectively.
<b>Relationship to Other Instruction</b>	<p>This lesson</p> <p>wBuilds on past lessons of the <i>Strategic Level of War</i> (8802) course</p> <p>wForms a foundation for future lessons in this course and in the <i>Operational Level of War</i> (8803) course</p>
<b>Study Time</b>	This lesson, including the issues for consideration, will require about 2 hours of study.

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## Educational Objectives

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JSPS Framework	Explain the relationship between national objectives and means available through the framework provided by the Joint Strategic Planning System (JSPS). [JPME Area 1e, 4a]
How Joint Planning is Influenced	Explain how joint planning is influenced by national policy and strategy and the NSC system, PPBS, and JSPS. [JPME Area 4b, 4c]
How JSPS affects Joint Operational Planning	Explain how the Joint Strategic Planning System affects joint operational planning. [JPME Area 4c]
<b>JPME Areas/ Objectives/Hours (accounting data)</b>	1/e/0.5 4/a/0.3 4/b/0.2 4/c/0.5

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# Joint Strategic Planning System

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**Definition**      The JSPS is a flexible and interactive system intended to provide supporting military advice for the planning, programming, and budgeting system and strategic guidance for the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System (JOPES).

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**Authority**      The JSPS gives the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), in consultation with the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) and the commanders of the combatant commands (CINC) the ability to

wReview the national security environment and U.S. national security objectives

wEvaluate threats to national interests

wAssess current strategy and existing programs and budgets

wPropose military strategy programs and forces necessary to achieve the national security objectives

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**Purpose**      The JSPS is the formal way that the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), in consultation with the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) and the commanders of combatant commands, meet statutory requirements to

wPrepare a military strategy supporting national objectives

wAdvise the President and the Secretary of Defense on requirements, program recommendations, and budget proposals

wPrepare strategic plans and perform net assessments

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## Joint Strategic Planning System, Continued

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**JSPS Products**    The JSPS process results in the following products

- wJoint Strategy Review (JSR)
- wNational Military Strategy (NMS)
- wJoint Planning Document (JPD)
- wJoint Strategic Capabilities Plan (JSCP)
- wChairman's Program Assessment (CPA)

Two other documents, the Secretary of Defense's *Defense Planning Guidance* (DPG) and the *Contingency Planning Guidance* (CPG), are related to and affect the JSPS process but are formally outside of the JSPS.

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**JSPS Support to the PPBS**    The JSPS is designed specifically to support the Secretary of Defense's (SECDEF) Planning, Programming, and Budget System (PPBS). The PPBS produces a plan, a program, and a two-year budget for the DoD. The objective is to furnish the CINCs with the best mix of forces, equipment, and resources available within fiscal constraints. The intent of both systems is to provide the President and the nation with the best resource mix to protect national interests and promote national objectives.

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## Required Reading

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***Strategic Level of War Readings*** Joint Pub 5-0, *Doctrine for Planning Joint Operations*, April 95, Chapter I, sections A and B, pages I-1 to I-7; Chapter II, Sections A through E, pages II-1 to II-16; and Chapter IV. This reading is located immediately following this lesson, pp. F-3 to F-28. Joint Pub 5-0 is the keystone document of the joint planning series. It sets forth fundamental principles and doctrine that guide planning by the armed forces of the United States in joint or multinational operations.

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## For Further Study

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### Supplemental Readings

The readings listed are **not** required. They are provided as recommended sources of additional information about topics in this lesson that may interest you. They will increase your knowledge and augment your understanding of this lesson.

wJoint Pub 3-0, *Doctrine for Joint Operations*, 1 February 1995.

wJoint Pub 5-0, *Doctrine for Planning Joint Operations*, 3 April 1995.

wJoint Pub 5-00.1, *Campaign Planning (2nd Draft)*, 18 May 1995.

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## Issues for Consideration

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JSPS Framework	Explain the relationship between national objectives and means available through the framework provided by the Joint Strategic Planning System.
How Joint Planning is Influenced	Explain how joint planning is influenced by national policy and strategy and the NSC system, PPBS, and JSPS.
Objectives and Tasks	How do the CINCs receive objectives and tasks in support of national objectives and interests? At a minimum, include in your discussion the role of the NSS, NMS, CPG, and JSCP.
Programming and Budgeting Process	<p>How do the CINCs influence the programming and budgeting process? Include in your discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>wThe PPBS process</li><li>wWho establishes requirements and how they do so</li><li>wThe role of the DPG</li><li>wThe relationships between JSPS and PPBS</li></ul>

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